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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

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1. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) IS GOING BACK TO MAJOR ASANTE (COMMISSIONER TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS) TO SEE IF EARLY PART OF WEEK OF APRIL 22 IS AGREEABLE. MEANWHILE MFA SENT EMBASSY NOTE DATED MARCH 26 (RECEIVED APRIL 1) ACCEPTING APRIL 17 DATE. ON MFA'S ADVICE WE HAVE SENT BACK ACKNOWLEDGING NOTE REQUESTING CHANGE TO EARLY WEEK OF APRIL 22, WITH REASONS GIVEN REF A. QUARM OF MFA TOLD EMBOFF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE GET ASANTE TO AGREE TO WEEK OF APRIL 22.

2. FOR DEPT'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WE UNDERSTAND USSR HAS RECENTLY PRESENTED DRAFT BILATERAL TO GOG. AEROFLOT PRESENTLY SERVES BAMAKO, DAKAR, CONAKRY, AND LAGOS, BUT NOT ACCRA.

3. PRESS MARCH 28 REPORTS THAT, UNDER AGREEMENT SIGNED IN KINSHASA, GHANA AND ZAIRE WILL ESTABLISH TWICE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN ACCRA AND KINSHASA; QUARM OPINED HE SAW NO EARLY PROSPECT OF GHANA AIRWAYS SERVICE TO ZAIRE. HOWEVER, AS DEPT AWARE, THE ONLY THROUGH ACCRA-KINSHASA FLIGHTS AT PRESENT ARE BY PANAM (EITHER ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH NIGERIAN AIRWAYS).

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